(c) Number of pupils at the end of 1930–31 was 42. The number of classes requiring attention was five, first and second year classes in cabinet-making, first and second year classes in smithy and a motor car driving and mechanism course started in 1930.

The following staff was sanctioned to cope with the additional work.

One lecturer in motor work on Rs. 125—7—175 and one storekeeper on Rs. 35—60.

Reduction in the rate of stipends to pupil teachers.

* 524-A *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have ordered with retrospective effect a reduction in the rates of stipends and stipendiary grants to women and men teachers under training in the current year;

(b) if so, what amount per month the Secondary Grade, Higher and Lower Elementary Grade pupil teachers will get from this month onwards;

(c) how the modified rate of stipends compares with the former rates;

(d) whether any representation has been made to the Government to the effect that the second year students may be given stipends at the usual rates till December and discharged that month and that their final examination may be held in January; and

(e) whether the Government have considered any other way of giving relief to poor pupil teachers who are entirely depending on the stipends they get?

A.—(a) Yes. A reduction of 25 per cent.

(b) & (c) A statement[a] showing the rates of stipends in force till the end of last year and the rates at which the stipends are granted from October 1931 is placed on the table.

(d) No.

(e) No.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" Are the Government aware that many of these pupil teachers depend entirely on their stipends and the effect of this reduction with retrospective effect will be to compel many of them to give up their training course and go home? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am not sure that will be the result. But national emergency justifies such a course. "

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" Will the Government consider whether they cannot, at least in the case of the second year students, give the usual stipends till December and then discharge them at once and hold their final examination in January? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 472 infra.

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Orders have already been issued and stipends are being paid at 75 per cent of the old rates. I do not think it is possible to revise the orders now."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it a fact that the national finances have come to such a low level that it is necessary to close all the educational institutions? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" We have not come to such a stage as to be under the necessity of closing all educational institutions."

Irrigation

Stoppage of irrigation facilities for lands under the Red Hills.

* 524-B Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from the ryots under the Red Hills Tank, dated 14th October 1931 and also a letter from the President, Red Hills Tank P.R.R. Association, dated 27th idem complaining against the stoppage of water for irrigation of the samba crop from the 15th October 1931 and requesting the withdrawal of the order stopping the supply of water;

(b) whether water in the Red Hills Tank had attained the full tank level (44·67 feet) on the 15th October 1931 and whether the surplus water received from the supply channels is now being allowed to waste down the anicut;

(c) why under the above circumstances the supply of water for irrigation of the samba crop under the Red Hills Tank ayacut was cut off on the 15th October by the P.W.D. Overseer of the tank though water for irrigation of the samba crop was issued from the 1st September up to 14th October;

(d) whether it is the intention of the Government to cut off all supplies for irrigation of the samba crop in succession for two months from the 15th October to 15th December and if so, what provision has been made to enable the ryots to raise the samba crop especially in view of the failure of the North-East Monsoon this year;

(e) whether the Government propose to compensate the ryots for the loss to be incurred by them by the failure of the samba crop;

(f) whether the temporary rules for the regulation of water supply from the Red Hills and Cholavaram tanks issued by Government in G.O. No. 2047-I., dated the 22nd August 1928 were passed by the Government in the interest of the Madras City water supply or to enable the execution of the works in connection with the improvements to Tamarapauk Anicut Head sluice and upper supply channel;

(g) whether it is a fact that last year water was allowed for irrigation from the 15th October to 15th December as water in the Red Hills Tank had reached the full tank level and why the same procedure was not adopted this year as well; and